



**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session Meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, City Hall at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the Council Meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Council Members Alter and Garza were absent.

Direction was given to staff to include an update to the April 26 Budget Work Session schedule from Dr. Mark Escott, Medical Director, and a list of other departments that are under consideration to convert from a general fund to an enterprise fund department.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Austin Public Health Department budget and department overview.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager; Shannon Jones, Director; Dr. Philip Huang, Medical Director; and Kymberley Maddox, Assistant Director, Austin Public Health.

Direction was given to staff to provide a link to the County Health Rankings between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin; to provide a list of barriers to data sharing between City departments as well as with outside entities; to include the Sobriety Center and the Homelessness Outreach Street Team (HOST) program in the discussions relating to data sharing; to include information on the possibility of expanding the HOST program to areas outside of downtown; an analysis of the results of the HOST pilot program; information on any interaction between the City's Veteran Officer and Travis County's veterans intervention program; information on the number of increases and the amount of each increase to the individual social services contracts; and to provide an update to the previous study that benchmarked the City with peer cities regarding social service spending.

2. Animal Services Department budget and department overview.
Presentation was made by Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager; Tawny Hammond, Chief Animal Services Officer; and Leann Shenefiel, Deputy Animal Services Officer.

Direction was given to staff to provide the statistics quoted during the presentation; the number of calls regarding loose dogs; a contact person with Travis County to whom to direct

nuisance wildlife issues; average and longest duration of stay for mid-to-large size animals; and to provide information on additional resources available to citizens for removing wildlife from private property.

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 23rd day of March 2017 on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 9-0 vote. Council Members Casar and Garza were off the dais.